

CONCORDIA

STINGERS

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Coach Lawton off to Europe to assist Italian national team

Les Lawton, head coach of the Concordia women's hockey program, will head to Lecco, Italy, where he'll serve as a consultant to the Italian women's national team as it prepares for the B Group World Championships.

The veteran Stingers coach will spend two weeks (March 23-April 7) evaluating the Italian program, helping the team get ready for the championship and mentoring the Italian coaching staff. He may also assist with long-term planning and recruiting players.

"It's an honor to be invited to work with the Italian program," Lawton said. "I'm eager to get started. It could be the beginning of a long-term relationship."

As soon as Lawton arrives Sunday morning, the Italian hockey federation will host a press conference to introduce him to the local media. There is a lot of interest in women's hockey in the area right now since Lecco will host the World Championship, which gets under way March 31.

Joining Italy at the championship are: Norway, Denmark, Great Britain, Netherlands and Slovakia.

Lawton is the winningest coach in women's hockey history with a record of 501-158-63 for a winning percentage of .739. His Stinger teams have won two national championships and 14 Quebec titles. At Concordia, he has helped develop 14 Canadian and U.S. national team players.

Lawton was also the head coach of Team Canada in 1994 when the team defeated the U.S. 6-3 to win the gold medal at the World Championship in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Left wing Page signs pro contract with UHL River Otters

Left wing Chris Page, the leading scorer on the 2002-'03 Concordia men's hockey, has signed a professional contract with the Missouri River Otters of the United Hockey League.

The 24-year-old Drummondville, Que., native played his first professional game on March 8. The following day he made a name for himself by tallying his first goal, adding two assists and then firing home the winning goal in a shootout. The goal gave Missouri a 5-4 victory over the Port Huron Beacons.

The River Otters play out of St. Charles, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. The team is currently in second place in the UHL's Western Conference with 77 points in 68 games.

With the Stingers Page scored 25 goals and 17 assists for 42 points in 24 regular season. He was second leading scorer in the OUA and seventh in the CIS.

During his three-year career at Concordia, he collected 57 goals and 56 assists for 113 points in 88 games.

The River Otters have also attained the rights to Concordia captain Patrice Roy. The veteran centre is currently considering his professional options.

For information of the UHL Missouri franchise visit the team Web site at www.riverotters.com.

Coming Events

Sunday, March 30

Women's Soccer

@ QSSF indoor championship - Université Laval

Men's Soccer

@ QSSF indoor championship - Université Laval

Wednesday, April 2

Concordia Athletics Awards Banquet

Info: (514) 848-3898

Friday, April 25

Concordia Sports Hall of Fame

Info: (514) 848-3862

Friday, June 6

Concordia Athletics Fundraising Golf Tournament

Info: (514) 848-3868

Men's Indoor Soccer (5-2-2 in QSSF, 10-2-2 overall)

@ Université de Montréal tournament

UQTR 4 Concordia 0

UQAM 3 Concordia 1

Concordia 1 Laval 1

Women's Indoor Soccer (5-4-1 in QSSF, 8-6-1 overall)

@ UQTR tournament

Ottawa 5 Concordia 1

Laval 3 Concordia 0

UQTR 3 Concordia 1

Montreal 3 Concordia 1

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